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Monterey C.L.C. Fills Vacancies, Hears Architect

Business was plentiful for the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at last week's meeting, with a special election to fill three vacancies in office as a highlight, Secy. Sonya du Gardyn reported.

Robert Jones and Robert Woodsmall, architects interested in possible construction of a major public auditorium in the Monterey area, were visitors and guest speakers at the council meeting.

The architects submitted plans for an auditorium building and told how the union members of the area might be able to help in the campaign to raise funds for construction. After discussion, they took under advisement some of the ideas advanced by council delegates and agreed to return later to show revised plans.

A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 19, with AFL Rep. John Owens and Secy. A. J. Clark of the labor council at Salinas, to discuss the conflict in names of councils in Salinas and Monterey. The Salinas labor council charter now reads "Monterey County" but does not have jurisdiction over the Monterey Peninsula area, it was reported.

Vacancies filled in the special election include:

Vice President.—Harold Deline, of Projectionists Union 611.

Sergeant-at-Arms.—Jack LaBorde, of Culinary-Bartenders 483.

Arbitration & Negotiation Committee member.—George Chappell, of Carpenters Union 1323.

Wats. Carpenters Elect Dowdall Business Agent

Mike Dowdall, prominent leader in affairs of Watsonville Carpenters Union 771, was elected business agent of the union at a special meeting last week.

Dowdall is widely known in the Watsonville area and throughout the district as committee leader and union official. He is active in Watsonville civic affairs.

The new business agent succeeds Mike Craner, who is working out of the jurisdiction. Dowdall was to start his duties this week, with headquarters in the Watsonville Labor Temple.

The union is you! It's your best friend. Support it in every way possible!



PAUL V. BIRMINGHAM, Democratic candidate for Congress from this district, served as director of operations for the WPA in this district during the 1930s, supervising construction of numerous public buildings. He is a registered engineer in California, graduate of University of Santa Clara, active in engineer organizations in the state, for seven years development engineer for San Jose Municipal Airport. Birmingham came to California from New York in 1926, is married and has two children, a girl 16 and a boy 12. He has been endorsed for election as congressman by the AFL Labor League for Political Education.

WORK PICTURE SHOWING GAIN FOR LABORERS

More members of Monterey Laborers Union 690 are finding work and the list of unemployed is steadily decreasing, Union Secretary George E. Jenkins reported last week.

Bridge construction at Big Sur, sewer work under way by Parris Bros. of Oakland, and work on the Tulecita School where F. V. Hampshire is contractor have provided much-needed jobs for laborers, Jenkins said.

In addition, there are two major projects due in the near future, Jenkins added. Road repairs at Fort Ord and construction of two new school additions in Monterey are being advertised now.

Congratulations!

Two members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 passed out cigars last week to celebrate birth of new babies. The members are Harrison Catlett and John Britton. Friends report the babies and mothers doing well, and fathers recovering.

CAL. BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

| Proposition | Recommendation |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. \$175 Million State Vets Bond Issue | Yes |
| 2. \$100 Million State School Bond Issue | Yes |
| 3. Alcoholic Beverage Control | No |
| 4. Aid to the Needy Aged | Yes |
| 5. Tax Exemption, Calif. Ships | Yes |
| 6. Increase Pay of Legislators | Yes |
| 7. Torrens Land Title Act | No Recommendation |
| 8. Tax Exemption, Fish Vessels | No Recommendation |
| 9. Church Exemption: Property Under Construction | Yes |
| 10. Lengthen Terms of State Officers | No |
| 11. Taxation: Exemption for Disabled Vets | Yes |
| 12. Voting Eligibility after Crime Penalty | Yes |
| 13. Vernon City Charter | Yes |
| 14. College Exemption: Property Under Construction | Yes |
| 15. Welfare Exemption: Property Under Construction | Yes |
| 16. Water Rights of Government Agencies | No |
| 17. Use of Gas Tax for Parking | No |
| 18. Resident Noncitizens: Property Ownership | Yes |
| 19. Qualifs. of Inferior Court Judges | No Recommendation |
| 20. Framing County Charters | No Recommendation |

GOP Regime Cost Labor \$14 Billion in Wage Losses

The American people have paid \$14 billion in lost wages for the change they voted in 1952.

That's the way James L. McDevitt, director of the AFL Labor's League for Political Education sees the situation in a survey of the 83d Congress.

In November, he said, Americans must decide whether they should follow the President's advice and "elect another Congress like the 83d, or do they want to elect a Congress

LEWIS RESIGNS AS LLPE SECY.

John Lewis, of Teachers Union 1020, has resigned as secretary of the Salinas Labor League for Political Education (LLPE), it was reported at the Oct. 1 meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas.

Reason for the resignation was not given, although it was reported that Lewis was under pressure from Democratic Party leaders because the State LLPE has endorsed some Republicans for top offices. Lewis is on the Democratic central committee.

No successor had been named to the LLPE at time of the council meeting, although Labor Council Secretary A. J. Clark was handling LLPE affairs temporarily.

Labor council business was almost completely routine and attendance was poor, Clark said. The council has another meeting this Friday night at the Salinas Labor Temple.

BARBERS 827 MEET OCT. 19

Regular meeting of Salinas Barbers Union 827 will be held next Tuesday night (Oct. 19) at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.

Secretary Jimmie Butler urged a full attendance to take part in important business, which will include second reading of proposed amendments to the union by-laws and discussion of sponsorship of a Little League baseball team next year.

Butler and Al Nichols, delegates to the recent Northern California District Council of Barbers meeting in San Jose, will report on their visit with William C. Birthright, general president for barbers.

Barber Secy. Back on Job

Recording Secretary Doss L. Hill of Barbers Union 827 at Salinas is back on the job at his El Gabilan Barber Shop this week after being forced to rest for six weeks because of a heart condition. Friends say Hill is weak and must take it easy for a time.

Bill Anesta, several years owner and partner in the Rex Barber Shop in downtown Salinas, has opened a barber shop of his own on Abbott Street near the Spreckles junction, according to James N. Butler, secretary-treasurer of Local 827.

More Sardines; Work Improves

Union fish cannery workers in the Monterey area are getting day and night work as the run of sardines continues in southern waters. Union officials said four plants are working on sardines shipped in by truck. Another plant is processing albacore (tuna) which has been shipped to Monterey. Some local squid is being worked also.

Observe Safety Rules!

concerned with international security and domestic prosperity for all the people."

McDevitt compared the record of the 83d Congress with labor's views as expressed in the AFL Executive Council report. Here are the highlights of that comparison:

Eisenhower: "The next thing they did was to pass an enormous tax revision bill . . . a great tax reform . . . to remove inequities and to make the whole thing fairer. . . . They have saved you \$7,500,000,000."

"We are well on the way towards the goal finally of achieving a balanced budget in our income and our outgo."

AFL: "Lack of concern for the little fellow has been the prevailing philosophy in tax legislation."

TAX CUTS FOR RICH

Of the \$7.4 billion tax reduction . . . \$6½ billion benefits corporations and families in the high income brackets."

"It neither reduced tax rates nor increased exemptions for those with lower incomes. But . . . it has provided special exemptions on dividend income to give those who collect dividends tax savings of more than a third of a billion dollars a year."

Eisenhower: The President tried to gloss over our foreign mess and listed the collapse of our resistance to Communism in Korea and Indochina as accomplishments. He also said:

"The foreign aid law is not one merely to help other people for humanitarian purposes — but it is to serve our enlightened self interest. To give us a greater security."

AFL: "Congress failed to come to grips with the overriding problem of world-wide Communist aggression. Lacking an effective program of its own, Congress merely whittled away at the administration's moderate proposals."

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Eisenhower: "With these mounting deficits we had to provide for our own security but we had to do it as economically and effectively as possible. . . . We have been determining the priorities in which we should build these defense forces."

AFL: "Instead of concentrating on fortifying the national security, Congress has been dominated by one narrow consideration — budget balancing. In a time of world crisis, America must be prepared for any eventuality and it is the height of folly to lower our guard."

Eisenhower: "The housing measures enacted by this Congress and the programs of this administration that will be fought through to the finish will make certain that every American family has an opportunity for a decent home."

AFL: "Congress went through the motions of providing a trickle of low-rent public housing by authorizing the construction of 35,000 units, but so severely restricted such construction as to make even this token program unworkable."

Eisenhower: "Health is so important to all of us. We've gone into a program of hospital construction and the rehabilitation of the permanently disabled on a very broad basis."

AFL: "Congress failed to take any positive steps to meet the nation's health needs which are daily becoming more acute. Even the appropriations for hospital construction (Continued on Page Two)

Mont. Culinary & Bar Union Waits Welfare Program

Start of the new health and welfare benefit program of the Monterey Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union 483 is slated for November 1, if arrangements are completed by then.

Lou Gold, union president, and Robert Harrington, secretary, said they were trying to complete details of the trust committee and the trust agreement so the plan can be put into effect.

Gold added that one of the three associations with which the union is negotiating in regard to the trust agreement is ready to start. Others should be ready by the Nov. 1 deadline, he added.

BUTCHERS SEEK WAGE INCREASE

Negotiations are under way for a wage increase for members of Butchers Union 506 employees in retail and jobbing houses and sausage kitchen, it was reported last week.

Earl A. Moorhead said the union will ask an increase of \$6.00 a week for the meat cutters and others. Reduction of the work week for slaughterhouse workers also may be an issue in negotiations, he said.

Carp. Auxiliary Holds Barbecue

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to Salinas Carpenters Union 925 was to hold a chicken barbecue last Sunday afternoon at Sherwood Park.

The party, featuring fried chicken, was for all carpenters and their families. Committee on reservations included Mrs. Raymond Dodd, Mrs. Virgil Fransen and Mrs. Herbert Nelson.

PICKETS HALT BRIDGE WORK

Construction on the Big Sur bridge of Highway 1 south of Monterey was halted for a time last week when Pile Drivers Union 34 of Oakland established a picket line to halt demolition of the existing structure.

Union carpenters and laborers from Monterey left their jobs when the picket line appeared before the Granite Construction Co. project, while union officials sought a solution to the jurisdictional dispute.

City of Seaside!

Voters in the Seaside area near Monterey voted in a special election last week to incorporate, elected city officials, and started municipal government for the City of Seaside. Many union leaders and members live in the Seaside area and campaigned in the incorporation special election.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. Herbert Ridgway, 224 Abbott St., phone 3470; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

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BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice President, Thomas A. Small, office 114 B St., San Mateo, ph. Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Virgil Fransen; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9233.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Friday, Carpenters Hall, K.C. Sec. and B.A., Jack Swart, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Dorothea Francis; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Carrie Francis; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Road, phone 9902.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., A. O. Miller, 41 Katherine, Salinas, phone 9293; Vice-Pres., Sam Combs, 440 7th Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 1283-M; Secy.-Treas., Leo E. Thilgert, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Secy.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, Office in Glickburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Dempsey McPherson; Sec., Claudia Statten; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, Office, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro St., Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets on call, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Matt Tracy; Sec., Frank Brantley; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6939. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder, Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr.,

A. J. Clark; Asst., Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glickburg Bldg., 1 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Forester Hall. Pres., Carl S. Jones; Sec.-Bus. Agent, John F. Mattos, Labor Temple, 177 Pajaro, phone 2-7077.

LATHENS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. McKrone, Box 514, Freedom; Sec. and B.A., Dean Siefeldt, 1533 First Av., Salinas, phone 5418.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Hazel Skewes; Sec., Grace MacRossie; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 400 Nuttville St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agent, Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln, Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray J. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Gene Baggett; Rec. Sec., Al Bianchini; Fin. Sec., Leo Gray, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Mervin E. Tierney, 219 4th St., P.G.; Sec.-Treas., Robt. J. Lovejoy, 1366 Alta Vista, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-6901.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 405 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 205 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B.A., Leslie B. Salinas, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 309—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., Emil Meyer, 22260 Stevens Creek Road, Cupertino, ph. AX 6-4448; Sec.-Bus. Mgr., Floyd Reed, office 1452 N. 4th St., San Jose; Rec. Sec., James Madriago, 430 N. 4th, San Jose, ph. CY 5-6521; Area Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas.

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3692.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1064 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson, Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

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CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Mrs. Elias Hauk; Sec., Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314. Treas., Mrs. S. F. Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, ph. 2-4231.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracey, 441 Pacific, Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroat, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent LeRoy Hasty, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Tony Alves, 492 Webster, phone 5-5869; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbrecht, 509 Granite, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 919 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman St., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Michael Youliden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Orivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 483—Meets 1st Weds., 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Weds., 2:30 p.m., 338 Calle Principal. Pres., Louis Gold; Sec.-Treas., Robert S. Harrington, Box 539, P. G., phone 2-4745; office, 338 Calle Principal, phone 5-6734.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Groves, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin, Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster, Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Anthony Alves; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdovak, P.O. Box 11, Carmel, Bus. Agt., Pames Hurl, office 778 Hawthorne St., ph. 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 9:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-5215; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 De la Vina, ph. 5-5406.

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struction do not keep pace with the demands of our expanding population."

TAFT-HARTLEY
Eisenhower: "The Taft-Hartley Act needs some revisions, and again, they will be proposed to the Congress."

AFL: "Particularly unjustifiable was Congress' failure to change the Taft-Hartley Law by removing some of its unfair provisions. . . . The President's recommendations not only fell far short of eliminating the glaring inequities in the law but would have added new injustices."

Eisenhower: "Every American can be proud of this 83d Congress, and can join in my salute to it. Every fact today that we have, gives the lie to those prophets of gloom and doom that saw that we were going to be "in economic depression . . ."

AFL: "Congress persisted in considering the business recession from the point of view of the ostrich. It failed to develop legislative action to encourage full production and full employment. It rejected proposals for overhauling the long neglected and deteriorated unemployment insurance system and establishing up-to-date standards for the amount and duration of benefits."

"Total wages have leveled out . . . \$6 billion below the annual rate reached in July a year ago. By contrast, if full prosperity had been maintained, total wages and salaries would have risen some \$8 billion above last year's level. This gap of \$14 billion in wages and salaries must be filled first if our whole economy is to recover."

EAGLES GREET STATE LEADER AT HOLLISTER

Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville, King City, Hollister, Santa Cruz and Gilroy will gather at the Hollister Eagles Hall, at the Hollister airport, at 7 p.m. Thursday to greet State President Gil Seaver of Oakland.

Business also will include initiation of candidates from the various lodges, according to Jimmie Butler, secretary of the Salinas Eagles Lodge. The Salinas group will include six candidates, Butler added.

There will be a barbecue prior to the business meeting, with the Hollister lodge as host.

Observe safety rules!



O'Reilly Scores Administration At Postal Meet

Timothy I. O'Reilly, endorsed LLPE Democratic nominee for Congress, 13th District, climaxed a series of ringing castigations of the administration by postal union leaders at the Southern California Postal Legislative Committee meeting in Ventura Saturday night.

"The administration has turned the clock backward to the outmoded concept that 'labor is organized to do violence to management,'" O'Reilly charged, as he urged his audience to join in with organized labor.

O'Reilly, describing his own background as the son of a postal clerk who tried to raise five children on a postal clerk's salary, outlined a full program of legislative action affecting federal personnel, including the right to be represented before their employer by a bargaining agent of their own choosing.

The Democratic candidate emphasized to an audience clearly sympathetic with his political stand that they should still look at the man's background and not just choose by party label or promises alone. He told of his experience as mayor of San Luis Obispo for six years, listing the major improvements made and employee raises given while he put the city on a sound financial footing. He also discussed his work in inter-governmental relations under former Governor Earl Warren.

O'Reilly attacked the administration's "give-away" program, stressing that billions of dollars of values created by the tax dollars of working people were being handed to individual companies, while poverty was pleaded when the federal employees' pay raise bill was vetoed.

The Republican candidate for the House seat now occupied by Ernest K. Bramlett (R.), Charles M. Teague, told the audience he was there to learn and get educated. He acknowledged that their "gripe" against the pay raise veto was justified, and promised to vote for it. He stressed support for the administration, but reserved the right to differ. He expressed disagreement with the interpretation that the administration was a "big business Wall Street administration."

O'Reilly received the endorsement of the California State LLPE convention in Santa Barbara August 20.

More than 100 persons attended the dinner Saturday at Pierpont Inn, Ventura, which drew attendance from both Ventura county and the southern half of Santa Barbara county.

Economic Conference

Detroit (PAI)—The CIO Auto Workers have scheduled a national economic conference for November 19 and 20 in Detroit to propose demands to be served on employers when contracts expire next year. Some 2,000 delegates from more than 1,000 locals are expected to attend.



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Unions Urged to Work More Closely With Labor Editors

(AFL Release)

Los Angeles.—AFL unions were urged to provide more generously for their publications and work more closely with the labor editors in furnishing pertinent information about top level meetings and policy decisions.

The advice was given to the 73d AFL convention by J. Scott Milne, president International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and president International Labor Press of America, in a report on the past year's accomplishments by the labor press.

"The best way to keep the members of organized labor vigilant and militant is to keep them informed," Milne said.

"How do we keep them informed? By means of a militant press. We have the men and the women with the spirit and courage to do the job, who will tell the truth and call the plays as they see them.

"Let us all, everyone of us here, help them to do the job so that, please God, the lamps of truth will never be extinguished in our country, and the American labor movement will continue to go forward, winning a fuller and freer life for all."

President Meany said that it is impossible to over-emphasize in these days the importance of the labor press.

The convention adopted a resolution to eliminate from the labor press field unethical and irregular publications which parade as labor papers and claim AFL identification in the solicitation of advertising and donations.

It called specifically upon all AFL unions to investigate the

claim by the "Trade Union Courier," a New York publication, that it has 2000 AFL union endorsements. It urged that if any of these endorsements are found to be valid, then efforts should be made to have them withdrawn because the methods of the "Trade Union Courier" have proved injurious to the prestige and good name of the labor movement.

PAY HIKES AID ECONOMY

Los Angeles.—The AFL urged its affiliated unions to achieve substantial wage gains as a major step toward restoring the Nation's economic health and improving the American standard of living.

"Action through collective bargaining is the most direct means through which organized labor can exert its influence upon the Nation's economy," delegates to the AFL's 73d annual convention declared.

"At a time when Congress and the Administration have failed to take the necessary action to stimulate a more sustained economic revival, it is all the more imperative that organized labor utilize to the fullest its strength through collective bargaining.

"Even in a depressed and uncertain economic atmosphere, wage increases are warranted to improve worker standards of living and to keep pace with the economy's constantly rising level of productivity."

AFL BATTLES RITE-TO-WORK

Los Angeles.—The AFL condemned so-called "right-to-work" laws and promised to launch a full-scale drive to repeal those now on the books and block enactment of further such legislation.

Delegates to the federation's 73d annual convention unanimously called for:

1. An immediate study of existing "right-to-work" laws. They now are in effect in 17 states—Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

2. Consideration of a special conference of state and local union officials on the issue.

3. Campaigns at the state level to prevent passage of more "right-to-work" laws, or to fight for their repeal by either legislative action or a vote by the people.

4. A special effort to secure repeal of section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act which gives state laws priority over Federal labor relations legislation.

The convention pointed out that large national antilabor groups are pushing a systematic program of attacking and trying to destroy organized labor through state legislatures.

It said that the so-called "right-to-work" laws have been "properly" branded as "right to scab" because they prevent unions from negotiating any form of union security and guarantee the right of free riders to work in unionized shops.

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What About the UN?

During the past few years there has been an unceasing campaign against the United Nations by a highly vocal group of isolationists, super-patriots and political reactionaries in the United States.

Proposals have been made that the United States get out of the UN or that it withdraw its support of some of the UN agencies that deal with social and economic problems. There have even been charges that the UN was trying to set itself up as a great super-state which would destroy American sovereignty.

Where does American public opinion stand on the UN today?

All indications are that the American people as a whole still believe in the UN and still want the United States to remain in it.

What are these indications?

Within a short time the UN, which was organized at San Francisco in the spring of 1945, will celebrate its ninth birthday. The date—October 24—will be observed as UN Day in thousands of American cities and towns. All indications are that this year's observance of UN Day will be larger than ever.

Significantly, California and Texas, chief centers of the attacks on the UN, are among the four top states that will observe UN Day this year. New York and Pennsylvania are the other two.

On the governmental level there are no indications that the United States is losing faith in the UN.

On the labor front, faith in the UN still remain high. Only a short time ago the American Federation of Labor at its convention in Los Angeles reaffirmed its support of the UN.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations, at its last convention in 1952, also strongly supported the United Nations.

Again the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in convention at Miami Beach, has strongly endorsed the work of the UN and American participation in it.—Public Affairs Institute.

JOKES. Etc.

Mr. Smith: "Your wife used to be nervous, now she doesn't seem to show a sign of it. What did you do for her?"

Mr. Brown: "That was easy; the doctor simply told her her nervousness was a sign of age."

A teacher was talking about the dolphin and its habits.

"And, children," she said, impressively, "just think! A single dolphin will have 2,000 baby dolphins!"

"Goodness!" exclaimed the little girl at the foot of the class, "and how many do the married ones have?"

Some do as much begrudge others a good name, as they want one themselves; and perhaps that is the reason of it.—William Penn.

John, 73, asked the pastor if he would wed him to Mary, 69. Pastor was happy, praised him.

"Yes," said John, "We've been going steady for 35 years, and now we want to wed and have an heir."

Pastor reflected, "Well," he said, "You may be heir minded but I fear you're not heir conditioned!"

Things have a way of working out for the best. Other people's troubles are never as bad as ours, but their children are always a whole lot worse.

Ez Tike was telling me, Jed Sommers got a cute little puppy for his wife . . . said he wished he could make a good trade like that.

Ez Tike's son has no objection to that new fangled prepared orange juice, but he likes to squeeze his own tomatoes.

Secret — Something you tell one person at a time.

Bus — Where a man will stand for anything but a woman.

Snob — A person who wants to know only those people who don't want to know him.

Proverb—A short sentence based on long experience.

Traffic Light — A trick to get pedestrians half way across the street.

Parking Space—An area 7 feet wide and 14 feet long on the other side of the street.

Tax Dodging Legal For Businessmen

New York City — It's more profitable to dodge taxes than it is to sell goods, a tax consulting service is telling businessmen—after taking a look at the 1954 tax law.

"Tax savings opened up (by the law) are enormous. They take on truly astonishing importance," says the Research Institute of America here. These changes "can contribute as much, even, to your net profit as the sales department itself."

For, the Institutes goes on to explain, "a dollar saved in taxes is worth more than 40 times a dollar in sales."

The Institute points out that "the real opportunities are between the lines," and it offers its services as a means of "building net profits by saving on taxes."

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

THOMAS EIDE
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Several times in this series we have mentioned the increased benefits for those retiring in the future. Today we'd like to explain just how the new law makes this possible. There are three reasons why future Social Security payments will be larger. A little simple arithmetic, which we will get into later, will show this easily.

The first change in the law increases the total amount of earnings that you report for both Social Security tax and benefit purposes. Before the 1954 amendments the top earnings which could be counted for Social Security was \$3,600. Beginning January 1, 1955, yearly wages or self-employment net income (or the total of both) up to \$4,200 will be counted. Right there is the groundwork for larger benefits.

The formula for arriving at the benefit amount has been revised also. And that is the second reason for the increase in future benefit amounts. Here is the way the new benefit formula works:

First add the wages, covered by Social Security, which you have received in all the months beginning January 1, 1951. Now under the new law you may be able to exclude up to four or five of your low or no earning years. We explained how this exclusion or "drop out" of low or no earning years worked in our last article.

Now that you have added your wages and dropped up to four or five of the low or no earning years, count the number of remaining months that have elapsed since January 1, 1951 until the time you are 65. (The number of these months must be at least 18. If it isn't, use 18.) Then divide the total of your wages, with the low or no income years dropped, by the number of months. The result of this division will be your average monthly earnings.

You are ready to apply the formula. Take 55 per cent of the first \$110 of your average monthly earnings and add it to 20 per cent of the next \$240. The result of this addition is your monthly payment. That's what you get every month when you retire at age 65 or later. In most cases, this figure will be higher than it would have been under the old law. As under the old law, however, the maximum benefits for your family in case of your death cannot be higher than 80 per cent of your average monthly earnings.

There is another way that the average monthly wage, upon which the amount of your future benefits is based, may be protected. This may be done by means of a provision in the law which is known as the disability "freeze." The "freeze" was written into the law to protect the average monthly wage and the insured status of individuals who suffer a serious and prolonged physical or mental disability which keeps them from any gainful work. The "freeze" may be used to the advantage of those disabled persons who will retire in the future as well as those who are already retired. Our next article will be devoted to telling you about the disability "freeze."

For further information write, telephone, or go to your Social Security office at the address shown below.

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Pilots Poll Big Vote

The AFL's Airline Pilots Association polled 80 out of 90 eligible ballots among employees of Resort Airlines, Inc., and has been designated bargaining representative, the National Mediation Board announced.

Plotting Political Action



Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh, director of the women's division of Labor's League for Political Education, discusses plans for political action with League Director James L. McDewitt. Stressing the women's role in the coming elections, Mrs. Thornburgh appealed to the homemakers to go to the polls on Nov. 2 to cast their votes for candidates who will better the living conditions of all American families.

Tips for the Homemaker ★ ★

The light texture of angel food and sponge cake depends on the proportion of egg white to other ingredients. Measuring or weighing egg white gives more accurate results since eggs vary in size. A successful measure for angel food is one cup of egg white for each cup of flour.

If your living room has sturdy personality, choose a nubby novelty cotton fabric or coarse linen for curtains. Such material harmonizes well with rough plastered walls, coarse shag rugs and rough-hewn fireplaces.

Safety rules for the home workshop fall into the common-sense category. Get rid of oily rags, don't smoke when using finishing materials, use the necessary guards on power machines, don't leave things on the floor that might cause you to stumble, and so on. Most of us know exactly what should be done to avoid accidents, we just neglect to do them.

Hot water, in laundering, makes such fibers as cotton and linens more pliable than they usually are. It opens the pores of the fiber and lets the soap enter so that it can effectively reach deepdown soil. "Hot" water means 140 F. or above.

Make a measuring stick of your hoe handle. With enamel paint, mark it off in one foot, 18 inches, two feet and three feet. Handy when gardening.

When packing dishes for a moving van, dampen the excelsior slightly before wedging it between pieces. Handles more easily and assures less jarring.

For a quick dessert bake a package of white cake in two layers. Fill and spread top with drained crushed pineapple. Then frost entire cake with softened whipped cream cheese.

Appetite Teasers ★

CHOWDER

- ½ cup barley
- 1 tps. dry parsley
- ½ tps. "accent" if desired
- 3 pieces celery—chopped
- 3 onions—chopped
- 1 No. 2 can tomatoes
- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¼ tps. pepper
- ¼ tps. Worcestershire sauce
- 3 potatoes—chopped
- 2 cups water

Cook meat, barley and seasonings together in water for 2 hours; simmer. Add vegetables and simmer 1 hour longer.

MEAT BALLS

- 1½ lbs. ground beef
- 2 eggs
- 5 or 6 slices bread (pinch fine or run through grinder)
- 1 large can grated cheese or pure Italian cheese, grated
- Salt and pepper
- Small amount parsley and celery

2 cloves garlic (fine). Make into balls and dip in oil. Drop into sauce. Cook two and a half hours or longer. Makes about 15 meat balls. Mushrooms may be added if desired.

MULLIGAN

- 2 tbsp. chopped pepper
- 2 tbsp. chopped celery
- 2 tbsp. chopped onion
- 1 tsp. fat
- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 can spaghetti

Brown pepper, celery, onions in fat. Then brown hamburger. Add spaghetti. Let simmer about 10 or 15 minutes.

"Right to Work" Phony

Topeka, Kan. (PAI) — George Docking, Democratic nominee for governor, is flaying the "right to work" drive in Kansas during his campaign. "The peculiar thing about this 'right to work' talk," said the businessman-banker, "is that it doesn't come from the laboring people. You would think that if they were being deprived of the right to work they would be the ones asking for a law guaranteeing the right to work." On the contrary, he pointed out, the drive comes from employer groups.

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2 SOLONS TANGLE IN SENATE PROBE OF DIXON-YATES

Washington—Tempers flared at an uproarious session of the Senate Antimonopoly Subcommittee as the body resumed its inquiry into the controversial Dixon-Yates contract.

The session was marked by a shouting contest between Chairman William Langer (R., N.D.) and Sen. John Marshall Butler (R., Md.).

Chairman Langer used his gavel like a hammer in silencing the Maryland Senator, who, raising his voice to be heard above the furor, protested that the inquiry was "premature" and that the Senate had "refused funds" to finance it.

Langer told Butler he had no business at the hearing table and under no circumstances could participate in the probe.

Shouted back Butler: "There is not one thing this subcommittee can do anyway to expedite, change or stop the Dixon-Yates contract. . . . As far as I know, as far as anyone in the administration knows, there is nothing wrong with (it)."

Langer's subcommittee closed two days of hearings July 2 by urging the administration to hold up the Dixon-Yates contract negotiations.

Instead, President Eisenhower ordered negotiations to proceed. Adm. Lewis Strauss, Atomic Energy Commission chairman, has announced that he expects the contract to be signed momentarily.

The Dixon-Yates private utility combine, would build a 600,000-kilowatt steam generating plant at West Memphis, Ark., which would feed power to the Atomic Energy Commission installation at Paducah, Ky.

The TVA contends it could build its own power plant. It also says Dixon-Yates would cost the government \$5,567,000 more a year, for the contract's full 25-year period.

The Budget Bureau says the differential is closer to \$3,685,000 a year.

The situation was tense for J. D. Stietenroth, ousted secretary of Mississippi Power & Light Co. and company executive since 1937. He said he had been "forced to live a life of deceit and hypocrisy when I pretended to be the principal financial and accounting officer of the company."

In his prepared statement Stietenroth made these charges:

RAILS GREASED

1. Paul Hallingby, assistant to Middle South's President Dixon, told him a month ago regarding the Dixon-Yates contract: "It's all right, it's on the rail and the rails are greased."

2. William T. Wynn, a director

Temos, Meat Cutters Map Joint Drive

The AFL Teamsters and the AFL Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen have signed a pact to eliminate jurisdictional conflicts between the two unions and to promote a joint organizing campaign.

The agreement was signed by Teamsters President Dave Beck and Meat Cutters Secretary-Treasurer Patrick Gorman.

Although the Teamsters have not signed either the AFL-CIO no-raid pact or the AFL jurisdictional agreement, Beck has concluded special pacts with a number of AFL unions. The Meat Cutters support both the AFL-CIO and the AFL no-raid pacts.

MIDWEST DRIVE

Beck said that the organizing drive will be centered in the Midwest and will start with an initial fund of \$200,000 — \$100,000 from each of the two unions.

The long range goal, Beck said, was to obtain 50,000 new members in the Teamsters and 250,000 in the meat cutters. Joining the drive will be the AFL carpenters, laborers and operating engineers with whom Beck recently signed agreements.

Beck said that the organizing campaign will be concentrated in the food processing industry consisting of canning, freezing and dehydrating food "in which a large number of employees are unorganized."

Production workers in plants where meat, poultry or seafood is any portion of the product processed will fall under the jurisdiction of the meat cutters according to the agreement. The teamsters will have jurisdiction over workers engaged in receiving, loading, unloading, trucking by mechanical or hand trucks, storing and shipping, and all truck drivers, helpers and warehousemen.

100,000 Steelhead, Salmon Are Rescued

Seasonal fish rescue operations in the north coastal area are complete with more than 100,000 fish rescued from drying streams and lagoons. Among these were 43,000 steelhead, 14,500 silver salmon, and 200 king salmon in Humboldt County, and 30,000 steelhead and 11,000 silver salmon in Del Norte County.

More than 110,000 warm water species were saved in the San Joaquin Valley area. About 42,000 largemouth bass fingerlings saved from Calaveras River and Hogan Dam were planted in Hennessey Reservoir, Napa County.

WORST GIVEAWAY ATOM MONOPOLY IS

Los Angeles—Declaring that the Eisenhower Administration's program of allowing a few chosen favorites to monopolize atomic power "is the most flagrant giveaway" in the entire Administration, the AFL praised the Senators who fought the "giveaway" as "true guardians of the public welfare."

The 73d annual convention of the AFL said that the Administration's "dissipation of a public trust was fought by a handful of far-sighted liberals who used every means at their disposal on the floor of the Senate to thwart the atomic giveaway."

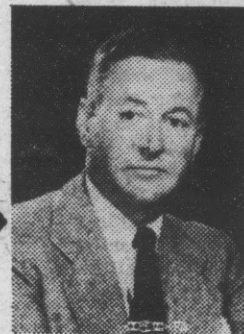
It recalled that billions of the taxpayers' dollars have been spent to develop atomic power.

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KEFAUVER DEMANDS PROBE OF DIXON- YATES DEALINGS

Washington. — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) called upon the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate Middle South Utilities, Inc., of New York City, co-party to the Atomic Energy Commission's Dixon-Yates contract, "for flagrant violation of the Holding Company Act of 1935."

Ike Tax Plan Dangerous And Unsound

Los Angeles.—The American Federation of Labor called on the 84th Congress, which meets next January, to reverse the current policy of giving tax relief chiefly to corporations and rich people.

It said such relief results in a concentration of wealth and economic power.

The possibility of a more intelligent approach to federal tax problems is complicated by the fact that \$5½ billion more in tax cuts are scheduled to take place in the fiscal year ending in June 1956, the AFL's 73rd annual convention pointed out.

Noting that low- and middle-income taxpayers bear an unfair share of the tax burden in states and localities, the convention declared President Eisenhower's recommendations for placing additional financial burdens on states and local communities for maintaining health, welfare, institutional and economic services "are unsound and dangerous."

It called on the President to make a proposal as to how the federal taxing power could be used to assist states and municipalities in providing needed services.

State AFL Submits Voting Chart on Yorty and Kuchel

(State Fed. Release)

The Sam Yorty campaign for U.S. Senator picked up tempo this week as the California Labor League for Political Education issued a Yorty-Kuchel chart comparing records of the two candidates.

AFL ratings show that in 15 years of legislative service Yorty has cast 100 good votes, and only seven bad ones. He was absent just eight times on rated issues over his entire career.

By contrast, Kuchel cast but 14 good votes against 83 bad votes. He was absent 18 times on test votes.

Yorty was endorsed by the California Labor League for Political Education at its pre-primary convention last April in San Francisco, and was again endorsed at the August pre-general election meeting in Santa Barbara.

Both Yorty and Kuchel saw service in the California legislature before moving on the national scene. Kuchel was first a member of the State Assembly and later of the State Senate.

Yorty success hopes climbed when the San Francisco Chronicle, major Republican daily, showed the AFL candidate running exactly even with Kuchel in findings of the California Poll, a non-partisan vote sampling agency. The poll gave both Yorty and Kuchel 39 per cent of the registered vote, 21 per cent undecided, and 1 per cent going to minor opposition. The same poll showed AFL-backed Governor Knight an easy winner over Richard Graves.

"I dreamed last night that I had invented a new type of breakfast food and was sampling it when—"

"Yes, yes, go on."

"I woke up and found a corner of the mattress gone."

Said Kefauver: "Certainly the Administration cannot be justified under any basis for allowing the Dixon-Yates contract to go any further. The more we get into it the worse it smells."

The contract—still unsigned, and unseen by Congress—calls for Middle South and the Southern Co. to construct a \$107 million steam generating plant at West Memphis, Ark. The plant would dump power 200 miles over lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority to the AEC's installation at Paducah, Ky. (The private utilities involved are commonly known as "Dixon-Yates" after their two presidents.)

The Senator accused Middle South of violating the "Arm's length" bargaining provisions of the Holding Company Act by "placing the responsibility and liability of the Dixon-Yates contract without their consent on officials of the Mississippi Power & Light Co., a Middle South subsidiary."

Meantime, the American Public Power Association charged that the veil of secrecy thrown around the contract was "unconscionable, inexcusable and indefensible."

The association, which represents more than 700 local, publicly-owned utilities in 38 states, publicized a resolution its legislative committee adopted calling on the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee to furnish copies of the contract to publicly-owned municipal power systems that distribute TVA power. It said the municipal utilities had a definite stake in the contract.

The Dixon-Yates plan, said the group, "appears to be a thinly-disguised subterfuge for providing the additional and necessary power requirements of the TVA area through a costly-inefficient and cumbersome arrangement with a new company to be formed by two holding companies."

It pointed out that the Government has refused to make public the terms of the contract despite the fact that it would have "far-reaching consequences on the future of TVA" and its municipal distributors.

Appetite Teasers★

HOT ROAST MEAT SANDWICH

Toast slices of bread on one side and spread the toasted side with fat. Make into sandwiches with slices of cold roast meat, placing the toasted side next to the meat. Toast the outside of each sandwich, place on hot plates, pour on hot gravy, and garnish with a sprig of parsley and a pickle.

If preferred, heat the meat in the gravy and serve on untoasted bread or rolls.

Hot spanish sandwich—Pour hot Spanish sauce instead of the gravy over the cooked sliced meat sandwich.

FRENCH-TOASTED MEAT SANDWICH

Mix ground cooked ham or cured pork shoulder or other meat with enough fat to spread easily on bread. Make sandwiches with this meat filling. Beat up 1 or 2 eggs with 1 cup of milk, and dip the sandwiches lightly on both sides in the egg and milk. Fry the sandwiches slowly in a small amount of fat until golden brown. Serve hot.

Don't wait till the bulb burns out to take down that ceiling globe and wash it. You'll be amazed at the amount of grime light shields or globes can collect, both inside and outside in a short time. To get the maximum light, take them down and suds them every week.

Observe Safety Rules.



HONOR TEAMSTER HEAD—Joint Council 42 of the Teamsters gave a testimonial dinner to Teamster Pres. Dave Beck during the AFL convention in Los Angeles. Shown here at the event are, left to right: Joint Council Pres. Jack Annand, Beck, and AFL Pres. Geo. Meany.

Tax Receipts Drop As U.S. Fosters Big Businessmen

When the Treasury Department the other day added up its anticipated tax receipts for the current fiscal year, it came up with the startling information that tax receipts will probably be \$3.3 billion less than was forecast last January.

In addition it is now estimated that the 1955 budget deficit will be about \$2 billion more than the Treasury estimated in January.

In other words the public debt is growing faster than budget economies—that the Eisenhower Administration dream of a "balanced budget" just hasn't come true according to Washington Window Column of the Public Affairs Institute.

Treasury Secretary Humphrey, it is true, has assured the American people that these are only "interim" figures and that the Treasury would work hard to get both spending and the deficit down in 1955. Nevertheless the fact remains that the national debt is still going up, that cutting expenses doesn't automatically balance the budget.

Why is this in the face of the determined effort of the Eisenhower Administration to get national spending and national income in balance?

About \$1 billion in income was lost to the government through the action of Congress in cutting excise taxes. This cut was previously fought by Secretary Humphrey. The remainder of the loss in tax revenues, however, is quite a different story.

CORPORATION TAXES

Corporation tax receipts for fiscal 1955 will be \$1.5 billion less than had been expected last January. Individual income tax receipts are now expected to be about \$300 million less than anticipated in January. Finally, it is conceded that over-estimation of income last January is going to necessitate refunding some \$400 million more in taxes than the Treasury had planned.

Why are corporation and individual tax receipts going to be less than the Treasury expected last January?

Some economists declare that what has happened could have been expected. They trace it back to the "hard money" policies followed by the Treasury for a time in early 1953. Under this policy interest rates were jacked up, money was made "hard to get" on the theory that this was the way to stop inflation and get the American dollar back on a "sound" basis. When it became clear that a "hard money" policy could only lead to a serious deflation of the American economy, the hard money campaign was abandoned, but not before a considerable amount of damage had already been done.

Insecticide sprays are more effective than dusts in combating the Argentine ant in citrus orchards, a scientist at the University of California Citrus Experiment Station has determined.

Women Have Plenty Reasons To Take Part in Elections

By ESTHER MURRAY

At a discussion session, with some eight or 10 women gathered around the table at the family participation conference in Roanoke, Va., it soon developed that every woman present had a very good reason right in her own home town for taking a hand in the town's politics. Some had the problem of poor streets and poorly tended parkways; another was

Post Office Wage Hike Veto Based On Poor Arguments

Washington.—The Administration based its case against post office wage hikes on a "foundation of sand" the National Federation of Post Office Clerks charged in announcing that it will press for increases for its members as soon as the new Congress convenes in January.

The NFPOC said that the veto message was merely a "rehash of discredited arguments" which has been rejected by Congress when it passed the postal raise bill.

In a survey to be published in the union's official publication, "The Postal Clerk," the 115,000-member organization took exception as follows to the major Administration arguments that the pay raise was not coupled with a postage rate increase and a job reclassification measure:

1. A bill was introduced as early as February 25, 1954, calling for increases in postal rates, but no attempt was made to secure its enactment on its merits. The real interest of Administration leaders, the union declared, was to use the rate increase bill as "a club to defeat salary legislation" which was not considered by Congress until the closing days of the session.

2. The Post Office Department dropped a proposed reclassification plan developed by a private engineering firm when its shallowness had been exposed, and proposed instead that the Postmaster General be given authority to propose a scheme that would become effective within 60 days unless rejected by either the House or Senate. No such proposal was forthcoming, the union said.

The NFPOC concluded that: "The President's advisors have elected to make their case for the rejection of the salary bill on a foundation of sand—the failure to accompany it with a postal rate increase which they never pushed, and failure to provide a reclassification for which they were unwilling to submit blueprints."

Ask Dues Hike

Toronto (PAI)—More than 100 CIO-CCL United Auto Workers, meeting here in the union's quarterly policy conference, have decided to ask for an increase of monthly dues from \$2.50 to \$5 a month. Canadian UAW locals will be asked for the additional dues to finance current and future strikes.

dissatisfied with garbage collection service; some others were worried about the overcrowded schools their children attended and the unguarded street intersections they had to cross to get to school. Poor bus service, slum clearance and juvenile delinquency were other issues.

BALLOT BOX SETTLEMENT

Once these problems had been stated, the women began to talk about who was responsible, and they quickly came to the conclusion that it was the city councilmen, the county supervisors, the school board members or some other public officials.

And then the women knew why they should be politically active. These officials were elected officials. They had their authority from the voters. And whether or not conditions would improve and wrongs be righted was something that would be settled in the ballot box.

The discussion then turned to how the women could take a hand in the politics of their town. One delegate reported that in her town, when it came to a question of beautifying the city or improving its services to homes, the garden clubs stepped in. It was the garden clubs which insisted on good garbage collection, the cutting of weeds on city property, the development of parks and playgrounds. Here was food for thought—a garden club, a political group!

EFFECTIVE POLITICAL ACTION

Someone else told the study of a neighborhood group, dissatisfied with the upkeep of their street, who met for a morning coffee hour and got on the telephone, one after another, to complain to the street commissioner. They got action the very next day. There were other stories about the activities of the PTA, church groups and the like.

When the discussion group broke up, the women were agreed that they didn't need to hire a hall, take a soapbox into the park, have a torchlight parade or even run for office to be politically active and influential. They could be effective through the groups to which they already belonged and among the people in their own neighborhoods.

LT. GOV. UNIONIST

New York (PAI) — A group of upstate AFL and CIO union leaders have started a boom for Buffalo Fire Commissioner Charles W. Halloran for Lt. Gov. on the Democratic ticket. A luncheon and reception was given at the Hotel Biltmore for Halloran, who worked his way up from the ranks and was a former president of the Buffalo Federation of Labor.

LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

Work for laborers and hod carriers has held up here fairly well in the past week. Calls are steady once again, we're happy to report. There is a definite need for cement finishers in our area, which is a good sign. However, it should be noted that layoffs have almost offset the calls for men.

We had a visitor in our office recently who is familiar to laborers in counties south of our own jurisdiction. Bro. Lee Galli, who was secretary of Santa Maria local for many years, is now a foreman for Bickman & Harber Co., of Santa Maria. This company has screening jobs in our area and promises to use our people in the near future.

Donahue crew was in the Arroya Seca area to pour a job for Contractor Axel Carlsen. This is a nice job, as are most of the jobs which Carlsen builds, but we would like to have closer cooperation between our union and the Carlsen crew.

Dionne & Ripley have started a nice home in King City. Mr. Ripley is known to many of our laborers and local carpenters as he was once business representative for King City Carpenters and also for Laborers in the southern area. To some people it makes a vast difference where you make your living. How does one change so rapidly?

Royden Powell, plaster contractor, is doing the church rectory in Gonzales. General contractor is Alfred Junckers. Foreman is Guy Paulsen.

Contractor Thurman of Salinas is doing a job in Gonzales and one in Soledad for the telephone company. The jobs are not large, but all jobs in the construction field are important. This factor is ignored by many people in our industry.

This is YOUR health and welfare plan. All dependent benefits are new and additional and are effective as of Aug. 1, 1954.

Here is a summary of benefits for your dependents:

Hospital Expense Benefits: Room and board, daily (maximum 31 days).

Ward service — full reimbursement.

Semi-private or private room service, \$15 or the ward rate, whichever is less.

Special hospital charges—up to \$100, plus 75% of charges over \$400.

Emergency hospital benefit—up to \$100.

Maternity benefit (will be described later in an article entitled For Wives Only.)

In-hospital medical benefits, \$4 per day (maximum \$124.)

Surgical expense benefit—up to \$300.

X-ray and laboratory expense—maximum \$50.

Supplemental accident expense—maximum \$300.

Any benefit to which an eligible laborer or his dependent is entitled is payable in addition to any similar benefits to which he or his dependent may be entitled under any program or any other policy. Such a benefit is payable in addition to any benefit which a laborer or his dependent may be entitled to under the California Employment Compensation Disability Law, although hospital surgical, in-hospital medical, X-ray and laboratory and supplemental accident benefits are not payable for disabilities due to occupational injuries or due to illness covered by the Workmen's Compensation Law.

The laborers and hod carriers covered under this plan can certainly have greater peace of mind than ever before. These benefits became effective Aug. 1, 1954. A member must have worked 400 hours between Feb. 1, 1954 and Aug. 1, 1954 to be eligible.

Section 21 of the Master Agreement reads as follows:

ARTICLE 2—On single shift jobs eight (8) consecutive hours (exclusive of meal periods) shall constitute a day's work, the regular starting time of the single shift being at 8:00 a.m.

THIS MEANS THAT ANY TIME PUT IN BEFORE 8 A.M. IS AT OVERTIME PAY.

Last week I stated that a certain craft was using a pickup truck to haul materials for the boss on the job. I was informed that on another job our laborers were doing the same thing. This has been stopped. Our laborers are NOT to furnish equipment of any kind on any job. The hammer with a building laborer is a must—but nothing more in the line of tools or equipment.

Granite Construction Co. and E. J. Donahue have many jobs of various sizes and descriptions and their crews are very busy. Lyle Construction Co. encountered much trouble on its pipeline job — the cleaning machine did not do the work it was figured should be done.

Some work is to be let on the McCoy Hotel where free room and board are supplied to many persons. Maybe I had better explain that this McCoy Hotel is better known as the Monterey County Jail!

Casper Hanson is back in the area putting in sidewalks in the MGM tract — using our laborers. We hear there is a scarcity of cement finishers.

Safeway Stores plan a new store at Market and Lincoln Sts. The job is to be let in the very near future.

There is not a member of this local who would knowingly throw away \$100, and up to \$400, if he were asked to do so. We really don't know of anyone who could afford it. Yet on Oct. 1 we found 28 members who were in that position. They were behind in their dues. Look at your book—it may be you! If, on Oct. 1, you had not paid August dues, then you are one of the 28 suspended members. Now, if you will look on Page 2 of your membership book and read Article 16, you will see how you lose benefits by being suspended.

Earl Choate was supposed to be on vacation last week but his wife became ill and had to go to a hospital. We hope that it is not serious and that Mrs. Choate is okay by now. She surely has our best wishes.

Bro. Dane Thimbling is still in a critical condition and in the hospital. We have been informed that visitors are not yet allowed. You can't keep a good man down, so rise up, Dane, and let's go.

Happy birthday to the following: Louis Bloesch, Patrick Crevelt, Walter Forbes, William Inman, Robert Lievanos, Joseph E. Mote, Roy Nordmeyer, Chris Rasmussen, Thomas E. Smith.

REMEMBER: Be union, buy union! Attend union meetings! Te vaya bien.

Durkin's Condition Still Satisfactory

Washington. — Former Labor Secretary Martin P. Durkin was reported in satisfactory condition Thursday after undergoing surgery for a brain tumor in a Washington hospital.

Durkin, president of the AFL Plumbers Union, was operated on Tuesday after his return from the AFL convention in Los Angeles where he had been for about a month attending various pre-convention sessions of AFL departments.

Accurate Job Dope

Washington (PAI) — CIO President Walter Reuther has sent a letter to the Department of Labor demanding "accurate and reliable" reports on unemployment. Reuther wants to know whether a decline in the insured unemployed is due to their having found jobs or whether they have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits.



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\$2 Billion Steel Merger Too Much Even for Big Biz GOP

Washington—A proposed merger between the second and sixth largest steel companies in the nation that would have had the effect of throttling competition has proved too much even for the business-dominated Eisenhower Administration.

The Justice Department has disapproved of a proposed merger between Bethlehem Steel Corp. and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. on the general grounds that it would end competition now existing between the two firms.

Attorney General Brownell noted that a merger does not have to result in a monopoly to be illegal, that the antitrust law prohibits a merger where the effect may be to substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly.

The merger proposal had been submitted to the Justice Department by the two firms for a determination of its legality under the antitrust laws.

The department's disapproval does not mean that a different merger proposal submitted in the future may not be approved—only that under existing conditions the specific plan will not be okayed.

The combined assets of the two firms, if the merger had gone through, would have been about \$2.2 billion.

Want those deviled eggs you are planning to take to a picnic to taste especially savory? Add finely grated onion, Worcestershire sauce and drained sweet pickle relish to the yolks when you mash them. Season with salt and freshly-ground pepper and add enough mayonnaise to give a good consistency.



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Anti-Union Is Subversive!

Little Rock, Ark. — The Rev. L. J. Twomey, regent of the law school at Loyola University, New Orleans, speaking here described "anti-unionism" as "one of the most dangerous forms of subversive activities." Rev. Twomey said this was true because the reactionary forces that fight unions are, in fact, fighting against man's God-given and Constitutional rights.

He pointed out that organized labor is the voice of the "small, inarticulate people" in our nation. He noted that Arkansas, with its mis-named "right to work" law, ranks 47th among all states in per capita income. There's nothing Arkansas needs more than a "strong organized labor movement," Rev. Twomey declared.

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WORD OF WARNING TO MEN

—Don't fuss at your wife because she has "dish pan hands"! Wife of a friend of ours found a remedy—an apron, hung around the husband's mid-section.

Happy to see that Bill Empie, former Laborers Union official in Salinas, is finally able to be up and working again on a limited basis after his long siege with a bad heart. Bill is doing relief work at Permanente, near Salinas, we are told.

Didn't know Roy Humbracht was so soft-hearted; he made a 1,000-mile round trip to visit a family from a house he owns way up north, but relented because of the four youngsters and 27 chickens sharing the property! Nice to know that union officials are also human beings, isn't it?

Promised "Lefty" Jenkins we wouldn't write a story that he was unable to get a deer in a week of hunting—so we won't mention it.

Bertha Boles is back in the Salinas area—living in the city where she formerly was a union official. But she's working in Santa Cruz as Culinary Union business agent. Commuting to work, too!

Current story in the labor news about a union official in Detroit who lost the nomination for Congressman by ONE vote, 1541 to 1540. Bet there are hundreds of persons who didn't vote who are sorry about it. Let's ALL vote on November 2—vote as you please, but VOTE.

There's a lot of meat in George Meany's description of the Taft-Hartley Act as it applies to state legislation. The AFL chief said recently: "As it stands now, Taft-Hartley says to the working man, 'There are the shackles we put on you, and they stay on you; but if your state should get some tougher shackles, we add them on, too!'"

Really enjoyed meeting Wm. C. Birthright, Barbers' international president, and key barber leaders of Northern California at the San Jose dinner recently. Birthright's ability to remember names and faces is something unusual, and he certainly is full of fun. We want to know, however, how he can be BOTH president and secretary-treasurer of the same union—who raps the gavel on him when he talks too long on a question?

The San Mateo Building Trades Council still sticks to the delightfully informal party to honor newly-elected officers, with many key civic and political leaders taking part. The last party, held in the Labor Temple and consisting of plenty of eats and drinks served in the hall, buffet style, included such guests as a Superior Court judge, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the coroner, two city councilmen, superintendent of schools, an assemblyman, some attorneys, and others. Formality certainly spoils things sometimes!

One of our Salinas friends (?) objects to the political policies of this paper. These policies are set down pretty much by the AFL and local labor leaders. Maybe if our friend (?) would get active in one or the other, or both, his loud objections might be more to the point!

Which reminds us: One sure

Star Lines

By
LOIS
MORAN

Dear Friends:

Acting again, as Preston Foster's wife on the TV "Waterfront" series, kind of went to my head, I guess. Once a ham, always a ham. There is nothing more fun than doing the work you like. So, I slipped up on reporting to you about our V.A. pals. It has perhaps been a good thing for all of us, though. Being in Hollywood a good deal of the time, I have been able to see some of the changes in the fellows. Mute ones are speaking, very sad ones are smiling, and aggressive ones are gentlemen. Maybe I should stay in Hollywood!

Love,
LOIS

Film on "Martin Luther" to Open

"Martin Luther," the widely acclaimed Louis de Rochemont production which astounded the motion picture world with the great success of its "roadshow" presentation last year, will begin its first showing at popular box office prices at the Geary Theatre, San Francisco, on October 15. Performances will be continuous daily starting at 1:00 p.m.

The film, dealing with the 16th century Reformation leader who defied excommunication and the stake in his demand for religious reform, was presented at advanced admissions during the past year. The picture was produced by Louis de Rochemont Associates, who have the knack of making "provocative pictures" an exciting experience for the man in the street. ("Lost Boundaries"; "Walk East on Beacon.")

The title role is played by Niall MacGinnis, British actor, who heads a cast and crew of 500 drawn together for the production from the U.S., France, Ireland, England, Scotland, Germany and Austria.

Lothar Wolff, de Rochemont veteran of The March of Time series and ECA films, produced the film on location in the towns, castles, and churches of West Germany. Irving Pichel of Hollywood directed and played one of the key roles.

The script, prepared by Allan Sloane and Wolff, is based upon Catholic and Protestant sources and leans heavily on historic documents for its dialogue.

Craftsmen of both faiths enlisted the support of museums in Berlin, Mainz, Wiesbaden, and Brettan for authentic costuming and reconstruction of scenes such as the Diet of Worms and the Diet of Augsburg. Music was furnished by the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra with an original score by Mark Lothar of the Bavaria State Theatre.

way to tell when a man is a REAL success is when flattery gives him a headache instead of a swelled head!

Yorty Hails AFL Prosperity Plan

San Francisco — Rep. Sam Yorty, Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate from California, hailed the AFL's 10-point plan for "full prosperity."

Yorty wired AFL President George Meany that the plan "might well prove that what's good for the rank-and-file citizens is good for the country."



GOP Methodically Ruining Small Business' Chances

Almost as soon as the Republican Administration took office it became apparent that big business was in the driver's seat and the small business man was in for a beating, the 1954 Democratic Fact Book reveals.

One of the first actions of the Republican Administration and Congress was to abolish the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which for over 20 years had been helping small

businesses with loans they couldn't get from local banks. Another action was to end the Small Defense Plants Corporation, which had helped small business fight for defense contracts and had furnished small business defense loans, the Fact Book says.

In their place the Republicans substituted a tight-fisted agency, the Small Business Administration, which, during the first four months of its life, failed to approve a single small business loan. Typical of the Administration's attitude toward small business is a remark attributed to the GOP's first small business chief, William Mitchell:

"Let's face it. Big business is going to get bigger and small business is going to get smaller, and there is nothing we can do about it. Why get excited?"

Small business men who have been watching the rising rate of business failures know why the GOP should get excited. They know too that in a business decline, it's the small businesses that suffer first and most. That's why many small business men are saying about the so-called business administration:

"The trouble with this administration is that it doesn't understand business."

SMALL BUSINESS FLIGHT

"During the first year of the GOP administration, the rate of business failures rose 70 per cent. Most of these failures were among small businesses, as the following figures on business failures show:

| | March 1954 | March 1953 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total business failures | 1102 | 739 |
| Under \$5,000 | 114 | 118 |
| \$5,000-\$25,000 | 558 | 371 |
| \$25,000-\$100,000 | 296 | 186 |
| \$100,000-\$1,000,000 | 102 | 62 |
| \$1,000,000 and over | 2 | 3 |

Replacing RFC, as well as the Small Defense Plants Administration, created by the Democrats to help small business get its share of defense contracts, was a new agency, the Small Business Administration. Between July 31, 1953, when it came into existence, and November 13, not a single small business loan was approved. And even when a trickle of loan applications was approved, small business men found it took weeks or months for the credit actually to come through. As of April 1954, SBA had received applications for

loans totaling nearly \$97 million, had approved only \$13 million and had disbursed only \$1,169,000 in loans to small businesses, the Fact Book points out.

In addition, SBA had raised the former RFC interest of 5 per cent to a standard 6 per cent, with some SBA loans costing 7 and 8 per cent.

BIG BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Under the Democrats, the Defense Department published a semi-annual report showing what share of defense contracts went to Big Business, how much to Small Business. The GOP Administration stopped issuing this report after it had been in office only six months. The reason was plain in the only report they did issue, which showed:

1. The largest 100 corporations were getting 64 per cent of all defense contracts—a record high.
2. The total of General Motors' defense contracts had risen by over \$1.8 billion in six months, and its share of the total defense contracts had undergone a 10 per cent rise.

This is not surprising, in view of the administration's policy of "narrowing the production base"—that is, pulling contracts away from small businesses and concentrating them in big businesses. All medium tank contracts, for example, now go to General Motors, the Fact Book says.

Under the Democrats, the government made what were called "progress payments" to small businesses on relatively large defense contracts where delivery of the items would take place over a long period of time.

That is, the government would make partial payments as the items were delivered rather than waiting to pay a lump sum when the contract was completed. These "progress payments" were of great assistance to small businesses that do not have easy access to capital to finance defense contracts.

But in many instances the Defense Department has stopped the "progress payments," thus forcing businesses to go to the expense of getting temporary financing in order to carry out defense contracts. This often eats away the profit margin, the Fact Book declares.

Typical of the administration's view toward small business is its domestic aviation policy, which calls for gradually doing away

with the small "feeder" airlines that serve smaller cities, and either turning the "feeder" business over to the major airlines or discontinuing it, leaving small cities without air service. Congressional opposition to this policy, led by Democrats, killed the administration's plan.

CRIPPLES SAFEGUARDS

Another dark cloud on the small business horizon is the visible growth of business concentration and monopoly. The clearest example is in the auto industry, where the share of the market held by five of the smaller companies had dwindled from 14 per cent in April 1953 to only 3 per cent a year later.

Despite this growth of monopoly, here are some things the GOP administration has done to weaken anti-monopoly safeguards:

1. It appointed as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission Mr. Edward Howrey, who formerly represented big business in cases before the commission. He is a known foe of many of the FTC's laws and activities, particularly those seeking to prevent price discrimination against small business.
2. The FTC has dismissed two key cases brought by the Democrats to prevent price discrimination against small business.
3. The FTC has fired key anti-monopoly employees who were vital to the pursuit of certain anti-monopoly cases, often replacing them with men more friendly to industry.
4. Anti-trust laws are undergoing a complete study by a group studded with known opponents of those laws, including former registered lobbyists who sought to weaken anti-trust legislation.

Harriman Knows His Hat Business

New York. — Averell Harriman, who threw his "political" hat in the ring some time ago, kept his conventional headgear on when he visited Liberal Party leaders to seek their endorsement.

The Democratic candidate for Governor of New York had a reason. The vice chairman of the Liberal Party is Alex Rose, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Union who frowns on anyone hatless.